General Notes

Evening Grosbeaks Common at Lakewood, New Jersey.—It may be recalled that Evening Grosbeaks (*Hesperiphona vespertina vespertina*) have twice been recorded in 'The Auk' from Lakewood, New Jersey, as rarities. During the winter of 1919–20 they occurred frequently throughout my stay in the town, from February 11 to April 24; and there were a good many of them. On April 15, 1920, I counted eighteen in two maples on Lexington Avenue, near Main Street.

Has this garrulous bird often been heard to sing at the time of its eastern visits? I have never heard it sing, though I have met with it on many occasions in northern New England up to the middle of May.—NATHAN CLIFFORD BROWN, *Portland*, *Maine*.

Evening Grosbeaks at Princeton, New Jersey.—A flock of four Evening Grosbeaks (*Hesperiphona v. vespertina*), consisting of one male and three females, were recent visitors in the town of Princeton for several weeks. They were first observed by Mrs. Alfred T. Baker on February 16. They were positively identified by Prof. Alexander H. Phillips —well known as an ornithologist—feeding on the seed spread for birds at his own residence, on March 1; and by me on March 2, and were last seen by Prof. Phillips on March 13, the number having increased to eight —all females.

So far as I am aware this is the first record of these birds in the immediate locality.—HENRY LANE ENO, *Princeton*, N. J.

The Newfoundland Crossbill in the Washington Region.—A Red Crossbill secured at Four-Mile Run, Virginia, opposite the city of Washington, D. C., on November 30, 1919, proves to be an individual referable to the subspecies recently described from Newfoundland (Loxia curvirostra percua Bent). On first examination some doubt arose as to the identity of this bird as the skins of *percna* available were all in summer plumage. Mr. A. C. Bent, who has kindly examined the specimen in question and compared it with other fall and winter examples of the Newfoundland bird in his possession, informs me that it is undoubtedly a specimen of *percua*.¹ The bird is a male in plain plumage with little red evident on the feathers. It is noticeably dark in color and is of large size, being within the limits of variation given for *pcrcna*. Measurements are as follows, wing 93 mm., tail 56 mm., and culmen 18.1 mm. It is probable that study of the series of Red Crossbills taken a number of years ago by various collectors in this region may reveal other specimens representing the Newfoundland race.—ALEXANDER WETMORE, Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.

¹ See 'Auk,' 1920, p. 298.